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1. Base Aerienne #708, Meknes, French Morocco, is again in operation after the annual leave of officers and enlisted men expired on 6 Sep 54. However, until the end of September 1954 personnel were still arriving at the base from extended leave. As a result, neither the flight nor maintenance groups were up to full strength during the month. Day and night flights were conducted. The temperature was high (104 degrees) for several days in September but a cooler month with better working conditions is expected in October.

2. Operational Data:

- a. Routine missions were flown during the month of September 1954. There were no graduating classes. Missions continue and include:
  - (1) Familiarization and solo flights - 10 hours
  - (2) Navigation - 10 hours
  - (3) Engineering (cruise control) - 5 hours
  - (4) Acrobatics - 5 hours
  - (5) Formation (high and low level) - 10 hours
  - (6) Fighter tactics (targets of opportunity) - 5 hours
- b. There were no special missions flown during the month. Because all of the instructors and students were not on duty, flight time was not as high as it could have been. Utilization was as follows:
  - (1) Assigned aircraft - 41
  - (2) Number of hours flown - 920
  - (3) Average hours per aircraft - 22.10

3. Maintenance and Supply:

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- a. Engine supply was exhausted by the second week in September. Requisitions were sent to Casablanca and two engines finally arrived by truck. The normal stock level of five engines is expected to arrive during October 1954. Weather was good for both day and night flights, fuel supply was adequate, and there were no ground-ing orders.

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